NEW PUBLICATIONS.

SOME WOMEN'S NOVELS.

SO RUNS THE WORLD AWAY. A Novel. By Mrs. A. C. Steele. Author of "Gardenhurst." 8vo. pp. 145. swd. Harper & Bros.

RED AS A ROSE IS SHE. A Novel. By the Author of "Cometh Up as a Flower," "Not Wisely but too Well," etc. 8vo. pp. 225. swd. D. Appleton & Co.

PUCK: his Vicissitudes, Adventures, Observations, Conclusions, Friendships, and Philosophies. Related by himself and edited by "Ouida." 12mo. pp. 607. J. B. Lippincott & Co.

There is one manly privilege at least which the gentler sex seem to be getting pretty much to themselves, and that is the privilege of writing equivocal novels. Mrs. Aphra Behn, to be sure, two hundred years ago, used to astonish the Court of Charles II. with tales at which Smollett would have blushed; but this fascinating, if somewhat audacious, lady was fortunately not the founder of a school, and had no imitators of her own sex. It has been reserved for the present refined and Christian generation to take up the task from which the period of the merry monarch recoiled, and the friends of freedom we presume will rejoice that women are learning now to write without the slightest embarrassment upon themes of which it has been fashionable to suppose them ignorant. Not that the license of Aphra Behn is reviving; there was a filth about that which the modern stomach is too delicate to brook; the seventeenth century took its vices raw; the nineteenth wants them exquisitely sugared. But the poison is not the less dangerous because it is disguised. We have had men's novels in plenty which trenched upon the forbidden ground between strict virtue and open shame, and like opera bouffe derived their principal charm from the uncertainty in which they left the unregenerate mind whether it was quite proper to look at them. And now woman shows that she too can produce such literature, and give it a spice and flavor which man has never yet learned to impart. The three books whose titles we have cited above are characteristic productions of three popular female novelists of the present day. They all show ability of a certain kind, but they differ greatly in tone and in tendency, as well as in literary merit. The quality which distinguishes them all in common is coarseness,—not of language, but of thought. The love which supplies the plot and motive of two of them is the passion of animal desire sating itself with hot kisses and forbidden embrace,—love without its poetry, without its spiritualizing and elevating influence, without its generous and self-denying impulses: the passion which fills the other is the mere lust of vulgar vice.

"So Runs the World Away" is in all respects the best of the three. Some of the characters, especially the minor ones, are excellently conceived and drawn with skillful hand. The vacillating Lord Orme and his detestable children are admirably sketched, and the domestic scenes at Orme House are full of humor and truth. The book abounds in wit, of the cynical *Saturday Review* sort, and the style is animated and at times eloquent. The story moreover is far less obnoxious than the other two to the fault we have mentioned as common to them all; still the fault is there. The central figure, Lady Diana, is an impossible woman—an utterly heartless animal, who loves nothing but her dinner, and without a spark of tenderness in her nature seduces all men till they learn to press her in their arms, and kiss her fiercely, and then she casts them away. One scene will suffice to illustrate our criticism. She amuses herself by recalling her old lover Thurstan, and fully to appreciate the spirit of what follows our readers must bear in mind that Thurstan is newly and happily married, though Lady Diana does not know it:

He grasped her wrist and cried,—

"You try me too far, Lady Di. You tempt only to disappoint; you inspire hopes only to baffle them. Now I will be honest with you, not that you deserve honesty of me, but because I will not fight you with your own mean weapons. * * * If you wish to lure me back to a state of semi-madness about you, you are yet beautiful and charming enough to succeed; but I warn you fairly, I can not woo you on the same terms, for I am no longer free; and if you tempt me to woo you, I swear that I will win you. Do you think that a man is to be tortured, wounded, and goaded like the poor brutes that writhe under the skill of the Matador? and do you think the Matador always escapes without injury? I think it kindest to tell you without equivocation, that if you persist in giving me encouragement, I shall, whether you take it or no, take any advantage of you circumstances may put in my way."

All the color had faded from his face. There was a threat in his eyes which she had never seen there before. She did not cower before the storm she had evoked; but when she looked up at this man's face and saw how handsome it looked in its menace, she thought that she had never liked any one so well as she did him. She liked him better in his wrath than ever she had done when he wooed her with smile and entreaty. And he said he was not free! Then her suspicions were correct about that girl; and at the thought of her rival, Lady Di felt as though a knife were thrust into her—heart, I should say, if speaking of any other woman; but in this case I ought, perhaps, to substitute the word "vanity" for "heart."

"Forgive me," she said, beseechingly.

"Bah!" he replied, impatiently; "that's what you always say. Women are the most unreasonable devils in the world; they seem to think that civil speeches will compensate for anything. I dare say that the daughter of Herodias thought that an apology would comfort John for the prospect of her taking his head as a guerdon for that grim revelry of hers. I do forgive you, Lady Di; but I must punish you; and you may be sure that if you offend again, you will not escape so easily."

Without further words, he took her in his arms and kissed her.

Another woman might have reddened under that caress, which was almost as menacing as passionate, but this one paled visibly. Lady Di could no longer blush, although she could fear. She did not fear Thurstan, but she was apprehensive of any one of her admirers appearing suddenly on the scene. She could explain away most things, but even she could scarcely have given a satisfactory reason to Lord Orme or to Clairveaux for her being kissed on the stairs by Thurstan Mowbray.

The pleasant fruit of Lady Diana's propensities, so far as Mrs. Steele sees fit to reveal them, may be summed up as one murder, one death from a broken heart, and two wrecked lives. Thurstan Mowbray is a mere brutal English guardsman of the period, a gentleman except in the presence of ladies, a brave man except in the face of duty, an honorable man except with tradespeople and women. We suppose he is presented rather as the victim of the lovely sorceress than as actually a bad fellow; but he kills his wife by his infidelity, rides a steeple chase in the hour that he learns what he has done, and goes abroad to forget his remorse without even seeing her grave. Azalea whom he marries and destroys is evidently designed as a contrast to Lady Diana. She is a signal illustration however of the inability of the carnal school of lady novelists to depict a pure and holy affection. As a child she is charming; her character is distinctly drawn, full of life and originality; as soon as she becomes a lover she changes not to an animal but to a lay figure. She is no longer capable of exciting a spark of interest, and the one scene in which she is roused again to life, when she discovers Thurstan's unworthiness, and is near shooting him in consequence, is perhaps the most unnatural and repulsive in the whole story. Azalea herself is loved by Robert Douglas, a moody, prematurely old man, and this we are probably to take as the grand and noble passion of the book—the love of a great heart which suffers in silence when another wins the prize for which he strove, and stands beside the deserted wife like a good angel in the hour of her grief. It would be all this but for one little fact of which not only Douglas but strange to say Mrs. Steele herself seems oblivious; this heroic friend who would be Azalea's husband, was already the lawful husband of Lady Diana. If her ladyship and the world believed that she was a widow it can hardly be pretended that Douglas believed it too. So the martyrdom of Mrs. Steele's saint turns out, after all, to be the frustrated desire to commit bigamy.

—"Red as a Rose is She" is accounted, we believe, the best of three or four novels, evidently from a woman's pen, which within a year or two have been read with extraordinary avidity in London, and have attained some popularity on this side of the ocean. We have not seen the others. The one before us has little of the humor which redeems some of Mrs. Steele's pages, and little genuine wit, but it abounds with that conversational banter, just falling short of repartee, which is the settled daily speech (in novels) of intelligent people who belong to good society. We are bound to say that there is not much sin in the book, except lies. Nevertheless the flavor is high, and the incidents come quite near enough the dangerous line. Esther Craven, living in an obscure village in Wales, becomes engaged to Robert Brandon, a long, ungainly army captain, with a rather tiresome mother and two puritanical maiden sisters. We cannot understand the engagement—for Esther does not return Robert's love—unless on the supposition that she said "yes" to get rid of him—dinner being ready and the mutton growing cold. She goes away on a visit to an English country house, and there of course she falls in love with the son of the family, St. John Gerard. She becomes engaged to him too. She says nothing to Brandon, and when St. John questions her about that estimable warrior, she lies. St. John finds it out, and discards her in a scene of unparalleled brutality. Is his conduct such as the new school of women like? The girl grovels in the dust at his feet, begs to be "taken back," implores a word of forgiveness before they part forever: he answers with taunts, ravings, outbursts of half-smothered love, and finally with cold insult. She makes a full confession to Brandon, who, nevertheless, treats her with heroic generosity, and at last goes away to die in the West Indies, while Esther, left destitute by the death of her brother, becomes a "companion" and reader in the family of an old English squire. Here she once more meets Gerard, now affianced to the niece of her employer. This is Constance Blessington, a cold beauty, who has been trying to catch St. John nearly all her life. Esther falls sick and is expected to die. When she believes her last hour to be near, she asks St. John to come and kiss her. After that she gets well and marries him. There is not a really estimable character in the book, except poor Brandon. Esther's one charm is her physical beauty; but that is quite enough to inspire the brute passion which in novels of this low class is dignified by the name of love. St. John Gerard has no redeeming qualities at all. He is dissipated, rude, cynical, unfilial, incapable of a tender emotion or a generous sentiment. He does no good thing, he dreams of no useful work, he is simply a specimen of the utterly unprofitable fruit of an idle aristocracy. Constance Blessington has but two thoughts in the world, to be well dressed and to marry the heir of the Gerards. Considering the care and coolness with which for years she had planned this latter achievement, the alacrity with which in a moment of jealousy she discharges St. John is preposterous. Miss Blessington's principal business in the story is to surprise Gerard and Esther in scandalous situations. Once she catches them together in the library at two o'clock in the morning; again she finds them in the middle of the night (innocently, of course,) in Esther's bed-room. They are forever getting into queer positions and doing equivocal things, and after a while we learn to listen for the rustle of Miss Blessington's dress at the critical moment with as much confidence as we listen for thunder after a flash of lightning. There is perhaps not quite so much handling and kissing as in the work noticed above, but what there is is strong.

"Puck," the latest production of the salacious writer who is known by the pseudonym of "Ouida," is incomparably the worst of the three novels we have before us, and we shall waste but little time upon it. Puck is a dog who passes through the hands of many owners, principally women of bad character and fast men about town. In the company of this quadruped we are are introduced to the green-room of a theater where flourishes the bare burlesque, to the suppers of courtesans, the chambers of gay bachelors, and the vulgar splendors of women like Cora Pearl. The whole story, except a few dull chapters, passes in an atmosphere reeking with the worst forms of corruption, and we can no more imagine a person of refinement reading such things with pleasure than taking pleasure in seeing and making part of them. How then shall we account for "Ouida's" popularity? Well, there are people who love to read of the sins they have yet a little too much conscience to commit; there are people who are moved by curiosity to look at a book which is understood to make free with well known characters in London, faintly disguising them with fictitious names; and there are people who relish daring language from a woman which they would not tolerate from a man, just because it is contrary to all our instincts of right that women should be familiar with those particular forms of impropriety. We suppose there are women who take a fierce pleasure in writing flavorous stories, just as there are actresses whose highest dramatic ambition is to wear trunk hose, or carry a cane and cigar. As a rule, the women who ape masculine vulgarity on the stage do it very ill, showing only a vulgarity of their own which is far more nauseous. As a rule we may also say that the women who attempt a similar indecency in books succeed no better. We can certainly say of "Ouida" that she has not represented the manners and habits of any class of men known to the world. We presume she has failed quite as signally with her women; but of the class of women with whom she has to do we confess that we are not qualified to speak.

THE MONEY MARKET.

SALES AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE.—FIRST CALL, 10½ O'CLOCK A. M.

Sales of Government Bonds.

10,000 U S 5-20 '81 Reg...114¾	10,000 U S 5s Con '65 n...109
21,000...114¾	16,000...108½
4,000 U S 6s Con '62...111¾	10,000 U S 5-20 Reg '67...109¼
10,000 U S 5-20 Reg, '65...109¾	113,000 U. S. 5-20 Coup, '67...109¼
10,000 U S 5-20 Reg '65 n...108¼	20,000...109⅜
5,000 U S 5-20 Con '64...110¼	10,000...109¼
15,000...110¼	100,000...109⅛
20,000 U S 5-20 Con '65...110¼	15,000 U S 6s Currency...112
2,000...109¼	

Sales of State Bonds—Railroad Bonds—Bank and Railroad—Express Stocks, &c.

50,000 Tenn 6s, n... 51	100 Cumb'd C'l P.. 31½	300 Lak S & M S... 88½
40,000... 51¼	100...bet call. 31¼	2,000... 88⅛
5,000 N C 6s, ne... 23	100 West U Tele... 32¼	100...bet call. 88¼
10,000... 22¼	100 Quicksilver... 10	500... 88⅛
1,000... 22½	200... 10	800... 88⅛
10,000 S C St 6s ne. Jan. & July... 84	100 Mariposa Pr... 13½	200... 88¼
10,000... 83	10,000 Mar Tr 10's c 44	51 Illinois Centr...142¼
10,000 So C 6s new April & Oct.... 86½	1,200 Pacific Mail S 37½	17...142
2,000 California 7s..111	400... 37¾	50...140¼
2,000 Missouri 6s.. 92	20... 37½	1,300 Chi & N W... bet call... 72¼
6,000 Ohio 6s, '75..102	500...bet ca. 37⅛	100... 72½
5,000 No Ca St 6s.. 46¼	200... 37¼	100 Chi & N W pr... 84½
1,000 Buff. N Y & E 1st mort'ge... 91	500... 38	10 Panama S Co'y..137
1,000 Centr Pacific R'd Gold B's... 92¼	100... 37⅞	100 New-Je Central Railroad...103
2,000 Union Pacific Railroad, 1m... 84¼	1,000... 37½	200...102¾
4,000 Al & T H 2 p. 84	200... 37⅜	100...102½
2,000 Mil & St P 8s, 1st mort'g'e... 92	500... 37¼	100...102¾
10,000 Al & T H I.. 81	200... 37½	100...102¼
2,000 Chi & N W 1. 94½	200... 37	100 Ch & Ro Isl...120
2,000 D La & W 1.. 99	500... 37¼	100 Mil & St P... 59½
5,000 N Jer Central New Bonds... 99	200... 37¼	300... 59⅝
2,000 Chi & Alt 1..102½	100 Adams Ex... 61½	300 Mil & St P. p.. 74½
2,000 Chi & N Wes col'd con bonds.. 91	100... 61¼	200... 74½
10,000 Col Cen & In Central 1st... 84½	100... 61	1200... 74¼
35,000... 84¾	300 Uni St Exp... between call... 47	100 To W & W... bet call... 45¼
10,000 Col Ce & In Ind C. 2 m... 60	100 Wells-Fa Exp. 19½	100 To, Wab & Wp 74
2,000 N Y & N H 6s Bonds...100	23 N Y Cen & Hud. Riv. R'd Con... 92	200 Alt. & T Haute 40
10,000 Virg 6s, Reg Bonds... 59	400... 92½	100 Chicago & Alt. Railroad...111¼
10 Ocean Bank... 90	50... 92¼	100...111¼
35 Amer Ex Bank..114	200...bet call. 92½	100 Ohio & Mississippi Railr'd... 29½
6 Bank of Rep...117	100... 92¼	500... 29¼
10 B'k of St of N Y.107½	20,000 N Y C & Hu Riv R Con Scrip 90½	16 N Y & N Ha...145
40 Del & Hud C'l..115½	10,000... 90¼	100 Morris & Essex Railroad... 89¾
8...115½	2,461... 89¾	16... 89⅝
100 Bruns'k C L... 8½	10,000...bet call. 90	6 New-Jer Rail...117
	10,000... 89½	300 Bost'n H & E.. 3½
	300 Erie Railway.. 25¼	100 Han & St Jos.106¼
	40 Erie pref... 52	100 Col Cen & Ind Central... 18¼
	200 Harlem Pre...144	300... 18¼
	3,030 Reading R... 98	
	600 Cle & Pitts... 99½	
	35 Col. Cin. & Indianapolis C... 74½	

SECOND BOARD—12 O'CLOCK.

Sales of Government Bonds.

41,000 U S 6s, '81 Reg...114¼	4,500 U S 5-20 Con, '67...109⅜
24,000 U S 6s, '81 Coup...114¼	90,000...109¼
15,000...2¼ o'clock.114¼	50,000...2¼ o'clock.109⅜
5,000 U S 5-20 Con '62...110⅛	10,000...109⅜
1,500...110¼	45,000...109¼
5,000 U S 5-20 Reg '62..2¼ o'cl. 109¼	15,000...109⅛
13,000 U S 5s, Coup '64...109⅜	3,500 U S 5s, 10-40 Con...106⅛
10,000...2¼ o'clock.109⅜	97,000...106⅛
43,000 U S 5-20 Con, '65 n...108⅛	10,000...2¼ o'clock.106¼
500...small.107½	10,000...106⅛
2,000...2¼ o'clock.108¼	20,000...106⅛
50,000...108¼	106,000 U S 6s Currency...112
2,500 U S 5-20s Con '68...109⅜	100,000...2¼ o'clock.112
2,000...c.109¼	

Sales of State Bonds—Railroad Bonds—Bank and Railroad—Express Stocks, &c.

10,000 Tenn 6s n... 51½	325 Uni St Expr... 47	200 Chi & N W p... 84
8,000... 51¼	100 N Y Cen & Hud Riv.R Con Scrip. between call... 92¼	100... 84¼
5,000 Georgia St 7s. 93	700 N Y Ce & Hud. Riv R'd Con'... 90½	100...bet call. 84¼
10,000 Vir 6s ex-co. 71	10,000...bet call. 90⅝	100 N. Jersey Cent Railroad...102¾
40,000 Alabama 8's Bonds... 96	40,000... 90⅝	100...102⅝
2,000 Missouri 6s.. 92	500 Harlem R'd...143⅛	400 Mil & St P'l... 60¼
5,000 Erie 1st m...100	200 Reading... bet call... 97⅞	200 Mil & St P p.. 74½
3,000 Mil & St Pa 7-3-10 con b'ds... 91½	500 Lak S & M S... 88¼	10... 74½
3,000 Del L & W 2. 97½	200... 88	200... 74¼
1,000 Col. C. & Ind Central 1st... 84¼	100...bet call. 88⅜	80 Del La & Wes..102½
100 Mariposa pr... 13½	3,800... 88⅛	100...102¼
400 Pacific Mail... 38	1,500... 88¼	100 Alt. & T Haute preferred... 66
500... 37¾	300... 88⅜	35 Chicag & Alton.112
500... 38	50 Mich Central...119½	80 Pt F Wa & Chic Guar... 93¼
100...bet call. 38⅛	40 Panama...137	300 Ohio & Mississippi Railroad... 29½
1,200... 38¼	18...136	100 H & St Joseph.106¼
500... 38¼	500 C & N W B... bet call... 72½	100 Col Ce & Indiana Cen R... 18¼
800... 38½	200 Chi & R Isl...119½	
300 Adams Express 61		
35 Ame Me Un Ex. 38		

NATIONAL STOCK EXCHANGE.

300 Mariposa Pr... 12½	200 La Sh & M S.. 88½	100 Erie... 25
100... 13	200 Ch & No W... 72½	300... 25¼
200 Quicksilver M.. 9½	100...c. 72½	300... 24¾
200 West Un Tel... 32	American Gold.	300... 24⅞
100... 31¾	10,000...112	200 Newark & Clin Horse R... 45
10,000 N Y Cen & H River Railr'd Sc. 89¾	10,000...112	100 Grass Valley... 21
500 Harlem Railr'd.144	10,000...111⅞	
	200 Chic R I & P...119½	

MINING STOCKS BOARD—FIRST BOARD.

Mining Stocks.	100 Black Hawk G. 70	300 Grass Valley.. 22
200 Quartz Hill... 42	100... 65	200... 22
600 Black Hawk G. 80	100... 60	100 Smith & Par. 1 60
100... 75	200 Central Gold... 23	100... 1 60

THURSDAY, March 31—P. M.

The increased strength and activity of the Stock market seems to have created a demand for money, and rates have been accordingly advanced with the demand, but money is in great abundance on call at 4 to 6 per cent, and must so continue while the New-York banks hold it in such large amounts, and to make it pay it must draw interest. In some instances where money has been loaned at a low rate, parties have been "called on," and they have been unable to replace it, without being obliged to pay a higher rate of interest, "on call." The closing of the transfer books of several of the leading railways may have something to do with the putting up the rates of interest "on call."

The very small amount of A 1 commercial paper offered tends to keep down the rates at a comparatively low figure.

Foreign exchange is dull to-day at the following rates:

	Sixty Days.	Three Days.
Prime Bankers' sterling bills on London..	108¾ @108⅞	109 @109⅛
Good Bankers' do...	108½ @108⅝	108¾ @108⅞
Prime Commercial sterling do...	107¾ @108	— @ —
Paris (bankers)...	5.24⅜ @5.21¼	5.22½ @5.20⅝
Antwerp...	5.27½ @5.22½	5.25 @5.21¼
Swiss...	5.27½ @5.22½	5.25 @5.21¼
Amsterdam...	40⅝ @ 40¾	40¾ @ 40⅞
Hamburg...	35⅝ @ 35¾	35¾ @ 36
Frankfort...	40¼ @ 40⅜	40⅜ @ 40½
Bremen...	78⅞ @ 79¼	79 @ 79½
Prussian thalers...	70⅞ @ 70⅞	71 @ 71¼

Government bonds have been strong to-day both at home and abroad. This morning the Five-Twenties of 1862 were quoted in London at 91⅞, and the '65s at 90¼. Here, the 6s of 1881, coupon, were sold at 114½, and the 5-20s of 1862, 111⅞, being within ½ per cent of par in gold, and the '81s 2½ above par, and the 6s currency at par. This afternoon the prices of Governments were off from ¼ to 1 per cent. The operations in them have been large, and the market firm. The conferences of the bank men with the Secretary and the Committee of Ways and Means yesterday, appears to give vigor to Government bonds, and weakness to gold. A report from Washington says the Public Debt Statement will show a decrease of about $5,000,000 for March.

In State bonds Tennessees, new, are strong; North Carolina, new, 23@22¼; do., '65, 46¼—yesterday 47½ @47¼; Virginia 6s, ex coupon, 71—yesterday 72; South Carolina, new, January and July, 84@83, and April and October, new, 86½.

Railroad bonds do not seem to attract as much attention as the Railroad stocks, although prices have not dropped in the bonds of the leading roads. Bonds are more steady than stocks. The rates of interest are fixed, and any one can figure them out. Not so with stocks. With these there is a chance not only for speculation, but for the imagination, and the very excitement of the game makes it desirable.

Bank stocks remain quiet, with but very few sales at the Board.

The stock market has been active and strong, with more evident signs of real life than it has shown for some days, or even weeks.

We give as a matter of interest to our readers, the highest prices of stocks named at the First Board of the Stock Exchange, at the dates given:

	Jan. 31.	Feb. 28.	March 31.
New-York Central and Hudson...	90½	90 xd.	92¾
Erie...	24⅝	25⅛	25¼
Reading...	95⅜	97⅛	98
Lake Shore...	84⅞	84⅜	88⅝
Cleveland and Pittsburgh...	91	96	99½
Chicago and North-Western...	72¼	69⅞	72½
St. Paul Preferred...	80 xd.	75⅜	74⅜
Chicago and Rock Island...	—	119¾	120

The Pacific Mail and Lake Shore have been the centers of attraction to-day. In the first the operations have been large, and sales have ranged from 37⅛ to 38¼. The meeting of the officers of the Lake Shore Railway in our city this week has advanced the stock. Report says the "net earnings" for the year have increased about 11 per cent, and that the reported losses by a failure last season will in time all be made good. This road is one of the great highways of the nation, with scarcely curve enough in its whole line to make a circle, and with light grades. With good management, good dividends must ever be sure. The stock sold to-day at 88¼@88⅜; New-York Central and Hudson, 92¾@92¼; do. Certificates, 89⅞@90¼; Reading, 97⅞; Ohio and Mississippi, 29⅛; Columbus, Chicago and Indiana Central, 18¼@18¼.

The Gold Room has been rather quiet to-day. The activity in the Stock Exchange has made it rather dull in the Gold Exchange. At 10 o'clock gold was quoted 112⅛; 10:15, 112; 10:27, 111⅞; 11:04, 112⅛; 12:42, 112⅛; 12:52, 112, and closed at 1 p. m. at 112—the highest price, 112⅛; lowest, 111⅞. At 2 gold was quoted at 112, 3¾, 111⅞. At 4:20 the quotation was 111⅞. The Gold Room formally adjourned at 1 o'clock, to allow members to attend the funeral of the late E. M. Whitehouse.

The transactions of the Gold Exchange Bank to-day were; Clearances, $44,989,000; Gold balances, $1,250,143; Currency balances, $1,405,698.

The following are the Government quotations of Messrs. Fisk & Hatch at 4 p. m.:

U. S. Currency 6s...111⅞ @112	U. S. 5-20s C. '65 Ja& Jy. 108⅞ @109
U. S. 6s, '81 Reg...114 @114¼	U. S. 5-20s. C., 67 Ja&Jy. 109⅛ @109¼
U. S. 6s, '81 Coup...114 @114¼	U. S. 5-20s. C., '68 Ja&Jy. 109⅛ @109¼
U. S. 5-20s, Rg., M'y & N.109 @109¼	U. S. 10-40s, Reg...106⅛ @106¼
U. S. 5-20s, C., '62, M. & N.110⅛ @110¼	U. S. 10-40s, Coup...106⅛ @106¼
U. S. 5-20s, C., '64 M. & N. 109⅜ @109⅝	Bonds C. P. R. R...92¼ @ 92½
U. S. 5-20s, C., '65 M. & N. 109⅜ @110	

Money...5@6 | Governments steady.

Coleman Benedict reports the closing quotations at 6 o'clock, as follows:

	Offered.	Asked.		Offered.	Asked.
Gold...	111⅞	111⅞	Reading...	97⅛	97¼
Canton...	65½	66	L. S. and M. So...	88⅛	88¼
Cumberland...	32	32½	Pittsburgh...	99	100
W. Union...	31⅞	32⅛	North-Western...	72⅛	72¼
Quicksilver...	9¼	10	North-Western Pref...	83⅞	84
Mariposa...	6	7	Rock Island...	119	119⅛
Mariposa Pref...	13	13½	St. Paul...	60⅛	60¼
Pacific...	37⅞	37½	St. Paul Pref...	74	74¼
B. W. Power...	17¼	17½	Toledo and Wabash...	45½	45¾
Adams Express...	61	61½	Toledo and Wab. Pref...	74½	75
Wells F. & Co Ex...	19½	20	Fort Wayne...	93⅞	94

	Offered.	Asked.		Offered.	Asked.
American Ex...	38	38½	Alton & Terre Haute..	39½	40
United States Ex...	46½	47	Alton & Terre H. Pref.	65½	66
Erie...	25	25⅛	Ohio & Miss...	29⅞	29⅞
N. Y. Cen. & Hud...	92	92⅛	Chicago & Alton...	111⅞	112
N. Y. Cent. Scrip...	89⅞	89⅞	Chicago & Alton Pref.	113	113½
Harlem...	143	143⅛	New-Jersey Cent...	102⅛	102¼

The following were the bids for City Bank stocks:

New-York...140	Irving...118
Manhattan...142	Metropolitan...139
Merchants'...124½	Citizens'...136
Mechanics'...140	Grocers'...117
Union...134	East River...106
America...146	Nassau...108
City...218	Shoe and Leather...165
Phenix...107	Corn Exchange...139
Tradesmen's...152	St. Nicholas...113
Greenwich...237	Commonwealth...114
National...117	New-York County...200
Seventh Ward...108	Importers' and Traders'...146
State of New-York...107	Park...165
Commerce...123½	Manufacturers' and Merchants'...100
Mercantile...120	Central National...108
American Exchange...113½	Fourth National...105½
Chatham...170	Ninth National...111
Bank of the Republic...116	Oriental...160
Bank of North America...105	Gold Exchange...55
Hanover...107½	Bankers' and Brokers' Ass'n...110

And the following for State bonds:

Tennessee 6s, ex coupon...58	Ohio 6 per cent, 1881...102
Tennessee 6s, new bonds...51½	Ohio 6 per cent, 1886...103½
Virginia 6s, ex coupon...71	Kentucky 6s...97
Virginia 6s, new bonds...69½	Illinois Canal bonds, 1870...100
Georgia 6s...87	Illinois coupon 6s, 1877...100
Georgia 7s, new bonds...92½	Illinois coupon 6s, 1879...100
North Carolina 6s...46½	Illinois War Loan...100
North Carolina new bonds...22½	Michigan 6 per cent, 1873...97
South Carolina 6s...88	Michigan 6 per cent, 1878...95
South Carolina new bonds...83	Michigan 6 per cent, 1883...95
South Carolina, Apl. & Oct...86	Michigan 7 per cent, 1878...98
Missouri 6s...92	Michigan 7 per cent War Loan 100
Missouri H. and St. Jo. Iss...92	New-York Reg. Bounty Loan...109½
Louisiana new bonds...72½	New-York 7s Canal Fn, 1870...105
Louisiana 6s, Levee bonds...77	New-York 6s Canal Fn, 1873...106
California 7s...111	New-York 6s Canal Fn, 1874...105
Connecticut 6s...100½	New York 6s Canal Fn, 1875...105
Rhode Island 6s...100	New-York 6s Canal Fn, 1877...105
Alabama 8s...96	New-York 6s Canal Fn, 1878...105
Ohio 6 per cent, 1875...102	New-York 5s Canal Fn, 1874...105

And the following for Railroad bonds:

New-York Central, 6s, '83...91	Chicago & R. Island 1st Mort...100½
New-York Central 6s, R. Estate 88	Chicago, R. I. and Pacific...97¾
New-York Central 6s, subscrip'n 88½	Morris & Essex 1st Mort...103
New-York Central 7s, '76...102½	Morris & Essex 2d Mort...96½
Erie 7s, 2d Mort., Ind. '79...93	Cleve. & Tol Sink'g Fund...100
Erie 7s, 3d Mort., Ind. '83...87	New-Jersey Central, new bonds 98
Erie 7s, 4th Mort., Ind. 1880...86	Pitts., Ft. Wayne & Chic. 3d M. 95
Erie 7s, 5th Mort. Ind 1888...82	Clev. & Pitts. Cons'd Sinkg Fd. 89
Buff, N. Y. & E. 1st Mort., '77...90	Cleve. & Pitts. 2d Mortgage...94
Mich. Cent. 1st Mort. 8s, '82...120	Cleve. & Pitts. 3d Mortgage...92
Chi., Bur. & Q. 8 p. c., 1st M...111½	Cleve. & Pitts. 4th Mortgage...75½
Mich. So. 7 p. c. 2d Mtge...97	Chicago & Alton Sinking Fund.100
Pacific R. 7s, guarant'd by Mo...95½	Chicago & Alton 1st Mort...102½
Central Pacific Bonds...92	Chicago & Alton Income...92
Union Pacific 1st Bonds...84½	Ohio & Miss. 1st Mortgage...97¼
Illinois Central 7 per ct. '70...114	Ohio & Miss. Consol...84¼
Alton & T. H. 1st Mtg...94½	Peninsula R. R. Bonds...90
Alton & T. H. 2d Mtg., Pref...84	St. L. & Iron Mountain Bonds. 85
Alton & T. H. 2d Mort., Inc...80½	Mil. & St. Paul 1st M. 8s...104½
Chic. and N. West. Int. Bonds. 90	Mil. & St. Paul 1st Mt. 7 3-10.. 81½
Chic. & N. West. Ex. Bonds...88	Mil. & St. Paul 1st Mort...97¼
Chic. & N. West. 1st Mort...94½	Mil. & St. Paul I. and M. d...86
Consolidated 7 per ct. conv...90	Mil. & St. Paul 2d Mort...86
Del. Lack. & W'n 1st Mort...99	Marietta & Cin. 1st Mort...88½
Tol. and Wabash 1st M. ext'd...93	Chicago and Mil. 1st Mort...94
Tol. and Wabash 2d M...84	Chicago & Great Eastern 1st M. 84
Tol. and Wabash Equip Bds...78½	Col., Chic. & Ind., 1st Mort...84½
Tol., W. & W. con. conv. S. F 78	Col. Chic. & Ind., 2d Mort...60
Gt. Western 1st Mor. '88...86	New-York & N. Haven 6s...99½
Gt. Western 2d Mor. '93...81½	Boston, H. & Erie, guar'd...36
Galena & Chicago 2d Mort...90	Tol., Peoria & Warsaw, E. D...83

The following is the result of the business at the United States Treasury:

General balance yesterday...	$82,369,916 83
Gold receipts...	356,477 55
Gold payments...	39,241 66
Gold balance...	78,791,223 59
Currency receipts...	229,162 69
Currency payments...	1,224,715 48
Currency balance...	2,915,520 20
General balance...	82,054,761 35
Customs...	510,000 00

The following is the report of the Assistant Treasurer of the United States in New-York for the month of February:

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

Feb. 28, 1870, by balance...		$83,673,062 82
Receipts during the month:		
On account of Customs...	$12,264,698 30	
On account of Gold Notes...	1,615,960 00	
On account of Internal Revenue...	899,561 35	
On account of 3 per cent Certificates..	30,000 00	
On account of Post-Office Department.	169,894 56	
On account of Transfers...	9,152,491 18	
On account of Patent Fees...	4,121 50	
On account of Miscellaneous...	5,017,612 70	
On account of Disbursing Accounts...	7,635,770 35	
On account of Assay Office...	181,573 51	
On account of Interest Accounts (Coin)	3,693,777 52	
On account of Interest Accounts (Cur'y)		40,664,411 27
		$124,337,473 09
Payments:		
Treasury Drafts...	$29,253,864 91	
Post-Office Drafts...	259,397 99	
Disbursing Accounts...	7,874,579 14	
Assay Office...	301,903 65	
Interest Account, viz:		
In Coin...	$3,766,313 43	
In Currency...	6,345 62	41,482,675 74
Balance...		$82,854,761 35
Balance to Cr. Treasurer, U. S...	$73,939,908 36	
Balance to Cr. Disbursing Accounts...	7,275,950 47	
Balance to Cr. Assay Office...	1,614,590 55	
Balance to Cr. Interest Accounts (Coin)	60,864 16	
Balance to Cr. Interest Accounts (Cur'y)	4,447 81	
		$82,854,761 35
Receipts for Customs in the month of March, 1870...		12,264,698 30
Receipts for Customs in the month of March, 1869...		13,241,465 17
Decrease, March, 1870...		$976,766 87

Statement of Business at the United States Assay Office at New-York for the month ending March 31, 1870:

Deposits of Gold...		$376,000 00
Foreign Coins...	$71,000 00	
Foreign Bullion...	10,000 00	
United States Bullion...	295,000 00	
Deposits of Silver, including Purchases...		144,000 00
Foreign Coins...	76,000 00	
Foreign Bullion...	20,500 00	
United States Bullion (contained in gold).	11,000 00	
United States Bullion (Colorado)...	3,200 00	
United States Bullion (Lake Superior)...	300 00	
United States Bullion (Nevada)...	33,000 00	
Total Deposits: Payable in Bars...	$246,000 00	
Total Deposits: Payable in Coins...	274,000 00	$520,000 00
Gold Bars Stamped...		190,675 84
Silver Bars Stamped...		60,593 33
Transmitted to United States Mint Phil. for Coinage.		$172,071 53

The customs receipts for the week ending March 26 are as follows: At Boston, $304,170; New-York, $2,551,059; Philadelphia, 219,565; Baltimore, $204,786; San Francisco, March 19, $173,388—total, $3,452,968.

The earnings of the St. Louis and Iron Mountain Railroad for the third week in March were as follows:

Passengers...	$7,718 90	Same week 1869...	14,364 60
Freights...	14,953 79		
Mails, etc...	1,176 30	Increase...	$9,482 39
Total...	$23,846 99		

The coupons of the first and second mortgage bonds of the Brunswick and Albany Railroad Co. of Georgia, due April 1, will be paid in gold on presentation at the banking-house of Henry Clews & Co., No. 32 Wall st.

THE MARKETS.

[Carefully reported for THE TRIBUNE.]

THURSDAY, March 31, 1870.

ASHES are quiet and prices are uncertain.

COTTON—The demand rather better, and with more encouraging advices from abroad prices have improved a trifle, closing with a generally steady tone; sales of 2,222 bales (642 last evening and 350 to arrive), of which 1,690 were for export, 302 for consumption, 50 for speculation, and 194 in transit. For future delivery last evening—100 bales, April, 20⅝c.; 100, May, 20⅞c.; to-day—100, April, 20⅝c., 300 at 21c., and 300, June 20⅞c.; all on basis of Low Middling. We quote as follows:

	Uplands, &c.	Mobile.	N. Orleans.	Texas.
Ordinary...	18	18½	18½	18½
Good Ordinary...	20	20½	20½	20½
Low Middling...	21⅛	21¼	22¼	22¼
Middling...	22⅞	22⅞	23⅛	23¼
Good Middling...	24½	24½	24½	25

COFFEE—The market for Brazils retains a firm tone but is without much animation, owing to the small stock available; sales of 175 bags ex Inchdairne here, and 2,000 balance per Aquidneck at Baltimore on private terms. Other styles quiet.

FLOUR AND MEAL—The market for Western and State Flour is a shade firmer on Sound Shipping Extras; Fall-ground Flours are firm; the business of the day has been to a fair extent, and confined to the low grades; Choice Spring Wheat Extras are heavy, however; sales, 12,900 bbls. at $4 30@$4 55 for Superfine State; $4 75@$5 for Extra State; $5 10@$5 45 for Fancy State; $4 75@$4 90 for the low grades of Western Extra; $5@$5 25 for good to choice Spring Wheat Extras; $4 90@$6 40 for Minnesota and Iowa Extras; $4 75@$6 for City Shipping Extras; $4 95@$5 25 for Shipping Ohio, Round Hoop; $5 30@$5 50 for Trade brands; $5 50@$6 40 for Family do.; $6@$6 75 for Amber Winter Wheat, State and Western; $5 20@$6 40 for White Wheat, do. do.; $6 30@$7 50 for Family do.; $5 50@$6 25 for St. Louis Extra Single; $6 40@$7 65 for do. Double, and $7 75@$9 25 for do. Triple, including 4,000 bbls. Extra State at $4 80, to arrive April and May. California and Oregon Flour is inactive and nominal at $5 50@$6. Southern Flour is moderately active and steady; sales, 850 bbls. at $5 50@$6 30 for ordinary to good Extra Baltimore and Country; $5 50@$6 40 for Extra Georgia and Virginia; $6 35@$9 70 for Family do.; $5 60@$6 20 for Extra Maryland and Delaware, and $6 30@$9 70 for Family do. do. Rye Flour is without change; the demand is moderate; sales, 230 bbls. at $4@$5, and Choice at $5 20@$5 25. Corn Meal is steady and quiet; sales, 300 bbls. at $4 30@$4 40 for Jersey, and $5 for Brandywine. Buckwheat Flour is better and very scarce at $2 50@$2 75 per 100 lb for State, and $2 65@$2 90 for Pennsylvania.

FREIGHTS—To Liverpool, 50 tons Oil Cake at 12s. 6d., and by steamer, 7,600 bush. Wheat at 3½d. To London, by sail, 250 tons Oil Cake, on private terms; 25 tons Oxide Zinc at 22s. 6d.; 200 bbls. Rosin at 2s. 3d.; Flour at 2s. 3d.; and 1,000 bbls. Oil Cake, on private terms.

GRAIN—We have no particular change to note in the value of Wheat to-day; the demand continues good for export, but business is not very brisk, even at a further decline in freights, the reduced limits of foreign orders checking inquiry; sales, 76,000 bush. at $1 10½ for No. 1 Chicago Spring; $1 12 for straight No. 2 Chicago Spring, afloat; $1 11 @$1 13 for No. 2 Milwaukee, in store and afloat; $1 19½ for No. 1 Milwaukee; $1 24½ for Amber Western, in store, and $1 26, afloat; $1 30 for Amber State, afloat; $1 45@$1 65 for White Genesee, the latter for "Delhi." Barley is steady and in fair demand; sales, 11,000 bush. at 90c. for good State, and $1 07@$1 05 for Canadian. Barley Malt is steady and in fair request; sales of 3,100 bush. at $1 @$1 08 for Canada West. Oats are firm, but less active, and close tame; sales, 28,000 bush. New Ohio at 62½@63c.; Western at 56c. in store, and 58c. afloat; State at 61@63c. afloat; Jersey and Southern at 56@60c. Corn opened very strong, but buyers held off, and the market closes quiet; sales, 12,500 bush. New Western Mixed at $1 03@$1 06, afloat, and $1 06 bid early for Old, in store; Jersey Yellow at $1 07@$1 08, on pier, and Round Yellow at $1 07, at the Park; our extremes for New Mixed Western and New Western White, as published this morning, should have read $1 06 for the former and $1 05 for the latter.

HEMP—Manilla is in moderate request and is steady at 14½c. gold; other kinds are inactive and nominal.

HOPS—The market remains quiet; we quote New Prime, 18@22c., and do. Poor to Good 10@16c.

HAY is firm and the demand fair; sales of Shipping at 95c. @$1.

MOLASSES—No business of importance doing, and the market as before; common grades entirely nominal; choice scarce and steady.

NAVAL STORES—Crude Turpentine is scarce and nominal. Spirits are in moderate demand and steady; sales 125 bbls. at 46@47c. In Rosins the business is only moderate; prices are unchanged; we note sales of 500 bbls. Common Strained at $2. Tar is quiet. We quote:

Spirits Turp...	$0 46 @ $0 47	Rosins, pale, ⅌ bbl. $4 00 @ $6 00
Crude Turp...	3 50 @ 3 62½	Rosins, extra pale.. 5 50 @ 6 50
Common...	2 00 @ —	Rosins, Window G. 7 00 @ 8 00
Rosins, strained...	2 05 @ 2 10	Tar, North County 2 25 @ 3 00
Rosins, No. 2...	2 15 @ 2 25	Tar, Wilmington... 2 25 @ 3 00
Rosins, No. 1...	2 50 @ 3 75	Pitch, City, ⅌ bbl. 2 50 @ 3 00

OILS—In Crude Fish Oils very little has been done, prices being generally nominal. Manufactured Oils are inactive. American Linseed is dull and prices are irregular. Lard and other Oils are unchanged. We quote:

Am. Lins'd, c.d. casks. $ 87½ @ 89	Red Oil, West. distil'd (Elain)... $ 75 @ —
Am. Lins'd, c.d. bbls.. 90 @ 91	Red Oil, Saponified... 72 @ —
Crude Fish, Whale... 80 @ —	Bank... 72 @ —
Crude Fish, Sperm... 1 35 @ 1 40	Straits... 72 @ —
Man. Bleach'd Winter Whale... — @ 85	Palm, ⅌ lb... 12½ @ —
Man. Bleach'd Winter Sperm... 1 75 @ 1 80	Olive, Marseilles, qts., ⅌ case, gold... 4 00 @ —
Man. Unbl'ched Winter Sperm... 1 70 @ 1 75	Olive, Mars'lles, casks, ⅌ gall... 1 40 @ 1 50
Lard Oil, fair to prime. 1 20 @ 1 30	Seal, Extra Refined... 95 @ —

PROVISIONS—A pretty good jobbing demand for Pork still prevails; prices are again a trifle higher, and close firm with moderate offerings; sales, 900 bbls. at $26 62½@$26 75 for Mess, $19 25@$19 50 for Prime; $20@$20 50 for Extra Prime; $22@$22 50 for Western Prime Mess, $25 75 for This Mess, $29 50@$29 75 for clear, for future delivery, 250 bbls. Mess, seller April at $26 62½. The Beef